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## It's still summer, ya know

Two Park Slope chums get in their last laps at the Double D pool in Boerum Hill, a few days before the city's cement cisterns close for good on Labor Day. Meanwhile, Kerri Walsh set up partner Misty May-Trainer during their victory in the AVP volleyball final at Coney Island on Saturday. Tourney sponsor Bruce Ratner sent over his Nets cheerleaders (below right) to make sure sports fans had other things to look at.



# ART ATTACK

City: Evict art space for ... art space!

By Dana Rubinstein

The Brooklyn Paper

The city wants to use its power of eminent domain to push out an almost-finished arts venue in Fort Greene to make way for a Manhattan-based dance troupe and 150 new housing units that comprise the centerpiece of the so-called BAM Cultural District.

"Our goal was to create a live music-and-arts venue," said Todd Triplett, one of the three friends behind the Amber Art & Music Space, which is being built in a former liquor store at Fulton Street and Ashland Place.

Lured by the promise of the burgeoning "Lincoln Center of Brooklyn" that the city envisions for the area around BAM, Triplett and his partners invested more than \$1 million, and spent a year and a half turning the run-down, three-story space into a performance venue, recording studio and an arts nonprofit.

That grand idea was shattered on

**EXCLUSIVE**

Aug. 21, when Jack Hammer, the director of Brooklyn Planning for the city's Department of Housing Preservation and Development, informed the three partners that the agency wants to seize the site by eminent domain to make way for the Dancespace Project, a Manhattan-based dance group.

"We were four weeks away from completion, and we get this letter. The city is f—king us," said Triplett, who has already gotten a liquor license and booked musical acts into 2008. "I've never seen anything this egregious. This is in the tradition of Robert Moses."

The partners claim that no one—including the broker who secured them the space and the landlord, who let them sign a 10-year lease and has collected \$200,000 in rent so far—informed them of the city's plans for the site.

"We refinanced our homes to do



Todd Triplett, Shaun Jenkins and Philip McKenzie are just finishing up renovations on Amber Art & Music, which will soon be evicted to make way for other arts institutions in the BAM Cultural District.

## Hynes reads them his writes



By Michael McLaughlin  
for The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn District Attorney Charles "Joe" Hynes thinks he is wielding a new, extra-legal deterrent against police corruption — his debut novel.

It took him 13 years to get it published — far longer than it took him to get a conviction in the Howard Beach beatings in 1987 — but he thinks "Triple Homicide" can be a cautionary tale for all the rookies out on the beat.

"My hope is someday a young cop will walk up to me and say, 'I read your book and it scared the hell out of me,'" Hynes said after reading a chapter at Red Hook's new bar, Rocky Sullivan's, on Tuesday night.

"Triple Homicide" is the hardboiled story of a young NYPD sergeant's fight to clear his name after murder charges are pinned on him by crooked cops. It received good reviews this summer, but sales have been modest.

No matter. Hynes said he felt compelled to write the cop story because of "how easily many [cops] were corrupted by chump change."

Not that he means it in a negative way, of course. Hynes is apparently so concerned that his book might be considered

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## Silicone B'klyn

NYU-Polytech merger could bring more techies D'Town

By Ariella Cohen  
The Brooklyn Paper

The proposed merger between New York University and Polytechnic University could turn Downtown Brooklyn into the next Silicon Valley, a report suggests. "The merger could provide a critical spark to the city's long-standing, and largely frustrated, efforts to establish itself as a vibrant center for technological innovation," David Hochman wrote in the report, which was released on Tuesday by the non-profit Center for an Urban Future.

The merger, Hochman said, would bring the cachet and capital necessary to spark the desired investment in research and business facilities.

"Vigorous engineering programs drive

an enormous amount of economic development," the pundit explained. "Right now, Polytechnic University is a liability for this growth, but with [NYU's scale], there could be much more."

Polytechnic President Jerry Hultin told The Brooklyn Paper this week that the school is already planning new research facilities with offices or apartments on top.

"I imagine scientists and engineers taking ideas and turning them into products and services, new ways to download music or see video," he said.

Hultin said the new building would be similar to the Renzo Piano-designed tower that New York City College of Technology is building at the corner of Jay and Tillary streets. The building will include 625 apartments.

## Legends of the fall

Summer will end as fast as the splash of a cannonball in the Floating Pool. So to make sure your autumn — arguably the best time of the year to live in Brooklyn — lasts as long as the line for the Floating Pool, we give you this, our annual Fall Preview. — Dana Rubinstein

### Sept. 3

It may still be hot as and muggy as monsoon in India (or summer in Brooklyn), but this is your last chance to swim in a city pool until June 2008. So spread your towel on the wet concrete, soak up the sun in your string bikini and dive in (jump, actually, diving is forbidden). For pool locations, visit [nyc.gov/pools](http://nyc.gov/pools) or call 311.

### Sept. 4

School opens for millions of kids, including up to 60 attending

the first year of the controversial, Boerum Hill-based Khalil Gibran International Academy, the Arabic language and culture school that has sparked headlines from here to Jerusalem. Stay tuned. Khalil Gibran International Academy (345 Dean St., between Third and Fourth Avenues).

Sept. 9 Grandpa and Grandma aren't the only ones trying to make the most of their waning years. While Coney Island celebrates Grandparents Day with a "Sea Life Sock Hop," local activists fight off the demise of their

beloved amusement district, gearing up for a conflict that could rival Atlantic Yards in its ferocity. See Life Sock Hop, New York Aquarium (602 Surf Ave., between W. Fifth and W. Eighth streets), noon–4 pm. For information, call (718) 225-5100.

## FALL PREVIEW

### Sept. 13

Jews and Muslims begin observance of Rosh Hashanah and Ramadan, respectively. See, they have so much in common! Maybe there is hope for peace after all!

### Sept. 18

The politically astute head to the polls to select candidates for a number of highly arcane offices, including the lucrative Kings County Surrogate judgeship. That race has garnered an unusual amount of press thanks to candidate ShawnDya Simpson, whom critics claim not only doesn't live at her Brooklyn address, but is also connected to disgraced and convicted former party boss Clarence Norman.

To find your polling place, go to [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us) or call (212) VOTE-NYC.

### Sept. 20

The DUMBO Improvement District hosts a fundraiser that pits classical musicians against hip-hop artists, break dancers versus modern dancers, and artsy-fartsy types against artsy-fartsy types. The final act in the four-round "DUMBO Fight Night: The Fight to Preserve DUMBO" is an actual boxing match featuring athletes from Gleason's Gym.

DUMBO Fight Night, St. Ann's Warehouse (38 Water St., at Dock Street), 6 pm. Tickets: \$50 or \$100 for families (do the math). For information, visit [www.dumbonyc.org](http://www.dumbonyc.org) or call (718) 237-8700.

### Sept. 21

Yom Kippur begins. Jews observe

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# Clarke stops by to give us the DC lowdown

The Brooklyn Paper

Surprise! Rep. Vette Clarke is running for reelection.

The first-term representative confirmed her quest for a second two-year stint in Washington last week. "Well, you got me," she joked, after we "confronted" her with the ultimate smoking gun: an invitation to an upcoming fundraiser.

"We were going to put out an official statement, but you figured it out," she said.

No one has announced a challenge to Clarke, who won the 11th district seat in a wild, racially divisive, four-way race last year, but the congresswoman said she anticipated a challenger because so many elected officials are facing term limits next year, including the man she defeated, Councilman David Yassky.

That was about the biggest news Clarke made in a wide-ranging interview last week with The Brooklyn Paper's editorial board — the same body that called her "clueless on world affairs" when it endorsed Yassky for the seat last year.

In the talk, Clarke also said:



• She's recovering nicely from surgery to remove uterine fibroids — an operation that prompted her to take a leave of absence from Congress in late July. "It was very invasive surgery," she said. "I don't want to strain anything. Summer was the best time to get the operation."

• She's still hoping to get Vice President Cheney



impeached — an initiative that landed her on The Brooklyn Paper front page in June. She knows it's an uphill battle.

"We had six sponsors then [in June] — now, I think, we're up to nine," she said. "But we're picking up members week by week."

Despite a lack of support from Speaker Pelosi,



Clarke will stick with it. "It's a no-brainer for me. This administration has turned this nation upside-down. We will stand up."

"But we're still about 197 votes short," she added.

• She doesn't love all her fellow Democrats: "It's a slim majority — and there are some folks [in the party] who range in their capacity to show courage.

In some cases, they're Republican-light." Hearing the term "Republican-light," Brooklyn Paper Editor Gersh Kuntzman questioned Clarke on her recent endorsement of Sen. Hillary Clinton, whom rival Barack Obama once described with the same term.

"We know she's not 'Republican-light,'" Clarke said. "Barack Obama is a very intelligent man. I'm not taking anything away from him or the others, but Hillary has much more practical experience that will enable us to do more in this nation, to build bridges much more quickly than any of the other candidates."

Kuntzman questioned Clarke on Clinton's bridge-building skills, recalling that many have criticized Clinton as someone who would fight some of her husband's old battles.

"I haven't found that to be the truth," Clarke said, citing Clinton's career from high-powered lawyer to First Lady to candidate to Senator.

"I've seen Hillary Clinton do nothing but grow from strength to strength. ... There's a lot of growth there."

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## EDITORS' PICKS

**SUNDAY**  
September 2

**Scenester citizens**  
Sebadoh, who burnt up college radio in the '90s, are bringing their act back on the road to show kids these days how it's really done. We've got fond memories of the "Smash Your Head on the Punk Rock" album, but are worried that at our age, we might pull something if we tried.

7 pm at Europa (98-104 Meserole Ave., at Manhattan Avenue in Greenpoint). \$20. For information, call (718) 383-5252 or visit [www.europacub.com](http://www.europacub.com).

**MONDAY**  
September 3

**Island fest**  
By September, we've had our fill of backyard barbecues. This Labor Day, head over to Eastern Parkway for the 40th annual West Indian American Day Carnival, where you can taste food from the Caribbean, dance to the steel drums and feel like you've traveled the world without leaving Brooklyn.

11 am at Utica Avenue and Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights. Free. For information, call (718) 467-1797 or visit [www.wiada.org](http://www.wiada.org).

**WEDNESDAY**  
September 5

**A literary movement**  
Local author Dave Praeger has his mind in the gutter — literally. His book, "Poop Culture," chronicling the history of the flushable commode has just been released, and tonight he's talking about it at the Park Slope Barnes and Noble. It might not be the most highbrow book of the season, but is probably perfect for bathroom reading.

7:30 pm at Barnes and Noble (267 Seventh Ave., at Sixth Street in Park Slope). Free. For information, call (718) 632-9066.

**THURSDAY**  
September 6

**Irish flicks**  
Tonight at the powerHouse Arena, the annual Craic Festival of Irish culture is holding a one-night event. Films by Brooklynites of Irish descent will be screened and local Irish bands (as well as a special musical guest Laura Lizzor, straight from the Emerald Isle) will provide the music while you enjoy the free drinks.

7 pm at powerHouse Arena (27 Main St., at Water Street in DUMBO). Free, but \$10 suggested donation. For information, call (212) 404-9074 x 100 or visit [www.theiraicfest.com](http://www.theiraicfest.com).

**FRIDAY**  
September 7

**Drawn to it**  
Drop into our favorite Red Hook art spot, Lucky Gallery (176 Richards St., at Volcott Street in Red Hook). Free. For information, call (718) 852-9232.

## THE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

Compiled by Susan Rosenthal Jay

**SAT. SEPT 1**

**Labor Day Weekend**  
**OUTDOORS AND TOURS**  
**EARLY MORNING BIRDING:** Discovery walk through the Salt Marsh of Gerritsen Creek. 8 am. Salt Marsh Center, 3302 Avenue U. Call 311 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers. Free.  
**LULUWATER EXPLORATION:** Enjoy a boat tour detailing Prospect Park's aquatic habitat. Binoculars provided. \$10. \$6 kids. Noon to 12:45 pm. Enter at the Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400.  
**PEDAL BOATING:** Cruise Brooklyn's freshwater lake in a pedal boat. \$15 for one hour, plus \$10 refundable deposit. Noon to 6 pm. Enter Prospect Park near the Parkside and Ocean Avenue entrance. [www.prospectpark.org](http://www.prospectpark.org).  
**BIRDWATCHING CRUISE:** Learn about the history of Prospect Park, from prehistoric times to the present day, while touring one of Prospect Park's most scenic habitats. \$10. \$6 kids. 1:15 pm to 2 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400.  
**INTRODUCTION TO BIRDWATCHING:** Discover more about the natural wonders and fascinating feathered inhabitants of Brooklyn's flagship park. Noon to 1:30 pm. For more information go to [prospectpark.org](http://prospectpark.org). Free.  
**DISCOVER TOURS:** Explore the secrets of nature with teachers and naturalists from the Prospect Park Audubon Center. 3 pm to 4 pm. Call for more information. (718) 287-3400. Free.  
**BROOKLYN WALK:** Take an 11-mile walk from Bay Ridge to Chinatown via the Brooklyn Bridge. Cover industrial and residential areas, drop off points and coffee breaks. Moderate pace. \$3. 4 pm. Take the R train to 86th Street. Meet on corner of 86th Street and Fourth Avenue. Call morning of the day 8 am to 9 am only. (212) 348-5344 or (917) 842-9490.

**PERFORMANCE**  
**BARGE MUSIC:** Classical music concert featuring works by Debussy, Elgar, and Brahms. \$40. \$25 students. 8 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.

**OTHER**  
**FLOATING POOL:** at the foot of Joralemon Street. 9 am to 7 pm. [www.brooklynbridgepark.org](http://www.brooklynbridgepark.org).  
**WEEKVILLE FARMERS MARKET:** Farm-fresh produce. 9 am to 1 pm. 1498 Bergen St., between 14th and 15th Streets and Buffalo Avenue. (718) 788-8500.  
**INDIE MARKET:** Collective of Brooklyn-based emerging designers show their wares of fashion, accessories, bath and beauty, pet gear, home-goods and more. 11 am to 7 pm. Smith and Union streets. [www.brooklynindiemarket.com](http://www.brooklynindiemarket.com).  
**FLEA MARKET:** hosted by the Church of the Holy Spirit. Refreshments available. 9 am to 4 pm. 8117 Bay Pkwy., at 52nd Street. (718) 837-0412.  
**ARTISANS MARKET:** Featuring functional and collectible art. 9 am to 6 pm. DeKalb Avenue sidewalk along Fort Green Park, Washington and DeKalb Avenues. (718) 855-8755. Free.  
**NY KOREAN FILM FEST:** Today, "200

**SUN. SEPT 2**

**PERFORMANCE**  
**BARGE MUSIC:** 1 pm. See Sat., Sept. 1.  
**OTHER:**  
**NY KOREAN FILM FEST:** Today, "The Old Garden" at 3 pm. "Lazars: The High Road" at 6 pm. "Family Ties" at 9 pm. BAM Rose Cinema, 30 Lafayette Ave. For more information go to [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).  
**FITNESS CLASS:** The Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy and The Fitness Guru host a fitness class in Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park, Dock Street at the East River. Today: Pilates Mat Class. 7 pm. Registration at 6:30 pm. For info, visit [www.brooklynbridgepark.org](http://www.brooklynbridgepark.org). Free.  
**BALL GAME:** Brooklyn Cyclones play the Staten Island Yankees. \$6 to \$13. 6 pm. Also, "Rock, Paper, Scissors" Masters. The first 100 fans in attendance will receive one of the three nametag items. Key Span Park, 1904 Surf Ave., Coney Island. (718) 507-7000.

**MON. SEPT 3**

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**THURS. SEPT 6**

**DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP:** "Is a Simple Forgetfulness or the Real Thing?" Talk about dementia with generational coach Barbara E. Friesner. Understand the early signs of Alzheimer's and learn coping strategies. 3:30 pm to 5 pm. Lessa's Place at Park Slope. Generative Day Center, 1 Prospect Park West. For more information and to pre-register, call (347) 296-2340. Free.  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEPTION:** Brooklyn Historical Society. 7 pm. 128 Piermont St. (718) 222-4111.

**NETWORKING EVENT:** Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce has a Real Estate Night. Cocktail and networking reception for real estate professionals. Non-members \$20; members free. 8 pm. M and T Bank, 91 Pennsylvania Ave. Reservations necessary. Call (718) 246-5219 ext. 2026.  
**A WEE CRAIC:** One-night fun festival (Craic means fun in Irish). Showcasing the best of award-winning short films from Ireland and local NYC filmmakers of Irish heritage. 6 pm, powerHouse Arena, 37 Main Street DUMBO. For more information go to [www.theiraicfest.com](http://www.theiraicfest.com). Free.  
**MEETING:** Brooklyn Democrats for Change hosts a general membership meeting and elects three members to Nominating Committee. 7:30 pm. Union Church Parish House, 8101 Ridge Blvd., at 81st Street. 7:30 pm. For information, visit [www.brooklyn-democratsforchange.org](http://www.brooklyn-democratsforchange.org).  
**BAM:** The Brooklyn Academy of Music and The Royal Shakespeare Company present

## CIVIC CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 4**  
Community Board 7 Westfront Festival Committee meeting. Board Office (4201 Fourth Ave., at 43rd Street). 6:30 pm. For information, call (718) 854-0003.

**THURSDAY SEPT. 6**  
Concerned Citizens of Bensonhurst. Assemblyman William Colton will speak about the Southwest Brooklyn Marine Transfer Station and home heating contracts. St. Finbars Community Room (Bath Avenue and Bay 20th Street). 7:30 pm. For information, visit [www.brooklyn-democratsforchange.org](http://www.brooklyn-democratsforchange.org).  
To list an event in the Civic Calendar, e-mail [newsroom@brooklynpaper.com](mailto:newsroom@brooklynpaper.com) or fax (718) 834-9278.

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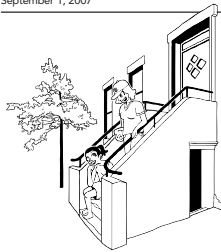
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# THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

### FORT GREENE

## Jeffries hits the street — literally

By Julia Dahl  
for The Brooklyn Paper

Hakeem Jeffries, doesn't need to run for re-election until 2011. So why has he been setting up a folding table and flimsy chairs outside subway stations all summer?

It's clearly not because he's such a matinee idol.

"Who is he? I thought Letitia James was our City Councilmember," said one lady.

She is Jeffries, the assemblyman — newly minted, in fact. But just because he got 64 percent of the vote last year doesn't mean his constituents (even the ones who voted for him) know who he is.

And so, for the past seven weeks, every Tuesday and Wednesday from 5-7 p.m., Jeffries has brought this makeshift office to subway entrances throughout his Fort Greene district. The goal was simple: visibility. Jeffries says he wanted to convince his constituents that he isn't the kind of politician who only shows his face in public when he's trying to get elected.

"Once a politician gets in office, sometimes it's difficult to get access to him," said Jeffries, a Democrat. "I want to make sure people know I'm highly accessible to the community."

Last week, Jeffries appropriated the corner of Hanson Place and St. Felix Street, in the shadow of the Atlantic Avenue Target, to greet residents as they lugged home bags from Pathmark and the Container Store.

"How ya doing ma'am?" he said to one hurried homemaker. "How ya doing, brother?" he said to another.

Despite Jeffries's best efforts, most constituents walked on by, leaving the assemblyman pacing awkwardly around, adjusting brochures and steadying the flimsy tripod that held up the sign bearing his name and title.



Hakeem Jeffries

"What's this all about?" asked one woman with a Jamaican accent. Once she was told Jeffries party affiliation ("Ooh, I love Democrats," she said), she told Jeffries about some immigration problem she was having. The assemblyman took down the woman's name and complaint, promising to get in touch with suggestions.

By 6 p.m. several men and women had related tales of

landlords threatening to evict them on mysterious grounds. Another man complained that affordable housing was becoming scarce.

"I think this office hours thing is brilliant," said the man, Augustine Dji, a real-estate broker. "It shows he's accessible."

Jeffries's staffers said the assemblyman himself came up with the outdoor office gimmick, and it was easy to see why. Jeffries, a corporate lawyer, worked the corner like he owned it, chatting about congestion pricing (he's a cautious proponent), unemployment (he told a woman having trouble with benefits that he'd check into the law), and drug activity (he encouraged a couple to stand up for their block).

The street-corner gig over, Jeffries went right back to old-fashioned work at 55 Hanson Pl.

"We'll have a staff meeting to go through the problems and make sure people get assistance," Jeffries said.

### CARROLL GARDENS

## Widow gets her wish Dies before being evicted from home

By Dana Rubinstein  
for The Brooklyn Paper

The Carroll Gardens widow who fought to die in the home she'd lived in her entire life, won a Pyrrhic victory this month — dying in the apartment on Aug. 12 and defeating a developer's two-year-long quest to evict her.

Angelina Visconti, 88, died of natural causes at Long Island College Hospital, though she was still a resident of the Cheever Place rowhouse.

"She got her wish, and that was what it was all about," said Leonard Visconti, her son. "She always said she was born here, she wanted to die here."

Visconti's residency became an issue in 2005, when her nephew Joseph DeLeonibus, her son's son, was a late twin sister, tried to evict her so he could make a killing in the booming Carroll Gardens real-estate market.

The house was eventually sold for \$1.13 million to developer Wayne Warnock, who picked up the eviction proceedings where DeLeonibus left off. Visconti and her sister fought back, arguing in court that



Angelina Visconti, left, died last week, outlasting a developer's plan to evict her and her 90-year-old sister, Katherine Carmada.

Warnock could not evict them because their long tenancy effectively made her unit rent-controlled.

Visconti spent nearly her entire life at the modest rowhouse, between Degraw and Baltic streets. She is survived by an older sister, Katherine Carmada, 90, and her son, Leonard Visconti. Warnock, the developer who sought Visconti's eviction, told The Brooklyn Paper that he had tried to find the widow an alternative place to live, but that, on

some level, he, too, was glad she got her final wish to die at home. "In that sense it was good," said Warnock. "It's a sad situation."

Now that Visconti has died, Carmada has agreed to move to New Jersey to be near her children. Warnock plans to fix up the house and possibly resell it, depending on the market. But first he must evict Leonard Visconti, who is considering taking up his mother's fight.

### WILLIAMSBURG

## One tall building gets the nod, other could get 'no'

By Rachel Corbett  
for The Brooklyn Paper

A 16-story condo tower at 20 Bayard St. should proceed as planned, a Community Board 1 committee voted on Tuesday, but that doesn't mean a neighboring 22-story proposal will get the same treatment next week.

Ward Dennis, chair of CB1's land-use committee, said the committee's approval was unique to the Bayard Street project.

The building's work permit expired

in May, even though construction was 75 percent complete, Dennis said.

Like 20 Bayard, Robert Scarno's controversial "finger building" at 144 N. Eighth St. — which earned its nickname because some neighbors said it resembles someone giving the finger to the neighborhood — also needs a new permit. But unlike this week's vote, Dennis predicted that the finger building is facing problems.

"We [might] want to see changes to the building," he said.

Activists want the tip of the "finger" to rise no more than its current 100-foot height, rather than the 220-feet that Scarno hopes to build.

The construction is currently less than halfway complete, but the Department of Buildings halted construction for certain "open space" violations.

Now, developers may have to resubmit building plans to comply with a zoning change that passed in 2005. Hence, the community board involvement.

"They are essentially asking to con-

text with a project that's drastically out of context with the neighborhood," said Evan Thies, chairman of CB1's Environment Committee. "Right now it's stopped, but what happens if they get this extension? Then they have more time to try to get new plans approved and build a monstrous tower."

Finger building developer Mendel Brach declined to comment. CB1 "finger building" hearing, 211 Avenue St. (at Manhattan Avenue), Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m. Call (718) 389-0009 for info.

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### THE KITCHEN SINK

We hear the illustrious chair of the Fort Greene Association, Phillip Kellogg, is stepping down after two years at the helm. Kellogg, who helped push through the rezoning of the neighborhood, will be replaced by an existing, still-undetermined Association member. ... The old dry cleaners at Cumberland Street and Lafayette Avenue is for rent (a large sign posted in the window). Interested? These restaurants (hint, hint) should call (718) 625-7957. ... Comic book geeks, mark your calendars! St. Joseph's College is hosting a comic art show in Tushy Hall starting Sep. 5. Check it out at 245 Clinton Ave. (between Wiloughby and DeKalb avenues). For information, call (718) 399-6755. ... It's time yet again for First Fridays at the RePop 95% Recycled gallery. The theme for Sept. 7: "Snuffed and Unstuffed Paintings by Jane Zweibel." We're not sure what that means either, which, if nothing else, is reason enough to stop by the gallery at 68 Washington Ave. (between Park and Flushing avenues). For information, call (718) 260-8032. ... The String Orchestra of Brooklyn wants YOU to join the amateur band for the upcoming season. Rehearsals are held at St. Ann's Church. ... Maggie "Hello, Neighbor!" Gyllenhead and hubby Peter Saragard were spotted twice at Tazza Caffe on Henry Street near Atlantic Avenue this week. ... JellyNYC, which has held free concerts at the McCarron Park pool the past two years, is holding a benefit concert on Sept. 15. Tickets are \$19 and GZA is the headliner. Visit www.jellynyc.com for information. ... We gotta hand it to our pal, Steven Heinze. The 17-year-old Billyburg kid just finished a stint as a map technician for Community Board 1 as part of his final year at the HS of Art and Design. If you think Myrtle Avenue is looking a bit better lately, you can thank Steven (at least a little). Heinze's and other student videos will be featured as part of the "Jane Jacobs and the Future of New York" exhibit that opens Sept. 24 at the Municipal Art Society in Manhattan. For info, visit www.mas.org. ... Virtual blunder: Councilman Bill DeBlasio's community liaison, Tom Gray, violated the blogosphere's code of ethics this week when he defended his boss from online lockers by sending a post that claimed to be from a Community Board 6 member, but was clearly sent from his e-mail address. It ain't Watergate, but it's a cautionary tale for anyone trying to take on the blogs. ... Soccer tacos sale for now: The city's Department of Health issued no violation during their dreaded visit to the Red Hook Park food stands last week. Vendor organizer Cesar Fuentes thinks it may have something to do with the letter his pal Sen. Chuck Schumer sent the Health Department last week. E-mail us at Stoop@BrooklynPaper.com

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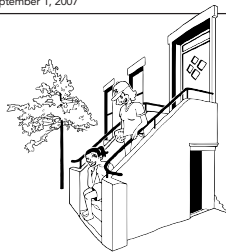
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## NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

### BAY RIDGE



## Wind-blown Ridge wants trees back

The Brooklyn Paper

Got trees? Local officials hope the city does — and they've scheduled an emergency meeting to figure out how to get new foliage planted quickly in tornado-devastated areas of Bay Ridge.

Hundreds of trees were lost in the Aug. 8 twister — and timing is everything. "We need to get those trees planted as soon as possible," said Community Board 10 District Manager Josephine Beckmann. "Some areas have lost almost half their trees." Trees can only be planted during spring and fall, so unless the city acts quickly, reforesting the barren areas would have to wait until next year.

But CB10 is going to take its case to the Parks Department's Brooklyn Borough Commissioner, Julius Spiegel, who will be at the emergency meeting.

The tornado touched down near 67th Street and Fourth Avenue. CB10 Parks Committee (827 86th St., between Fort Hamilton Parkway and Gault Place), Sept. 6, 7:45 p.m. Call (718) 745-6827 for info. — **Matthew Lyalik**

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### PROSPECT HEIGHTS

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## Ratner gears up for an early fall(s)

By Ariella Cohen

The Brooklyn Paper

Atlantic Yards developer Bruce Ratner will move forward with a long-planned demolition this week, leaving a family that is suing to stop the project to live, literally, in the shadow of its progress.

Over the next week, the developer will complete the emergency demolition of the Wards Bakery paragon, which collapsed in a near-fatal accident in April, and also move forward with preliminary demolition of buildings at 814 and 818 Pacific St., between Carlton and Vanderbilt avenues, according to a construction update issued by the Empire State Development Corporation.

For the village of holdouts that remain in the project's largely abandoned footprint, the construction notice was dismissed with a sigh.

"All the buildings are coming down. Sometimes it feels like it makes no sense for ours to be standing up," said Maria Gonzalez, who has lived at 812 Pacific St. with her husband, Jose, for 35 years.

Their rent-stabilized building will be seized by the state's power of eminent domain and turned over to Ratner, who will level it to make way for an 18,000-seat basketball arena and mostly luxury apartment towers designed by architect Frank Gehry.



Jose Gonzalez's building at 812 Pacific Street will remain in place while lawyers fight the state's plan to condemn the building and turn it over to Bruce Ratner.

But neighboring Assemblywoman Joan Millman is pleased with Spitzer, thanks to his signing this week of her bill to give grants to artists' groups to create shared live-work space. Millman wants the pilot program to be in Brooklyn.

Whaddya say, Gov.? It's her bill, after all. ... Hi, Chai: **Park Slope's Chai Tea preschool**, an institution on Prospect Park West, has added a new location in neighboring Prospect Heights.

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located to another apartment. She said that she has heard nothing from her landlord since. "The only thing I hear is the machines going," she said. "The construction is my alarm clock."



## Eviction party

Neighbors of 533 Bergen St. rallied — and held a block party — last week to protest a plan by the building's new owners to evict four rent-stabilized tenants. Such evictions are legal if the new owners use the building as their own residence, but housing advocates say "owner-use evictions" are becoming an out-of-control trend in gentrifying areas, such as Prospect Heights.

— **Gersh Kuntzman**

### THE KITCHEN SINK

Assemblyman Jim Brennan (D-Park Slope) was like a steamroller after Gov. Spitzer vetoed a bill that would have required the city to rent-stabilize buildings after hazardous violations every 60 days. "It is regrettable that [he] chose to let the city Department of Buildings off the hook," Brennan told us. "The objections of the mayor [to the bill] were without merit." That's OK. Jim didn't want to eat dinner at Bloomberg's Upper East Side townhouse anyway! ... But neighboring **Assemblywoman Joan Millman** is pleased with Spitzer, thanks to his signing this week of her bill to give grants to artists' groups to create shared live-work space. Millman wants the pilot program to be in Brooklyn.

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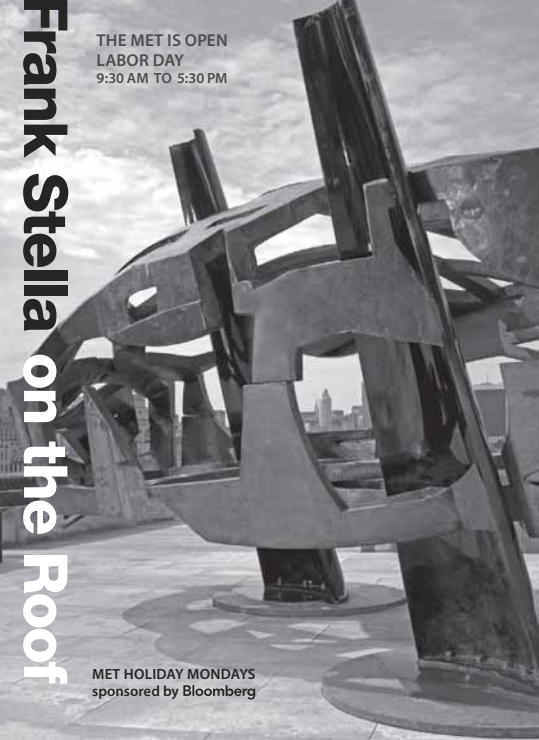
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**Carjacker nabbed after chase, crash**

**By Gersh Kuntzman**  
The Brooklyn Paper

A knife-wielding carjacker ended up in the hospital — and in custody — after his third attempt to steal a car resulted in a brief chase and a horrifying crash into an unmarked police car on Metropolitan Avenue on Aug. 20, police said.

The would-be thief started his crime-filled morning within the confines of the neighboring 94th Precinct at around 9:30, when he flashed his knife at a man and demanded that he turn over his commercial van.

The man complied, but went off to grab a 2X4 while the thief tried to get away. Alas, the van wouldn't start, giving the van owner time to chase the thief away with the lumber, cops said.

But that didn't deter the thief, who attempted to steal another car, this one stopped at a nearby red light. That driver saw the thief's 11-inch butcher's knife and sped off before the crime could occur, cops said.

Finally, the carjacker was successful, pulling the knife on a driver inside his car on Wythe Avenue between North Third and North Fourth streets, also in the 94th Precinct.

"Get out of the car or I will kill you," he screamed, brandishing the sharp object that indicated he had the means to make good on his threat.

The driver abandoned the car, a new Toyota Echo, and the thief sped off towards Metropolitan Avenue.

That driver, a 51-year-old man, called 911, and cops broadcast the plate number of the Toyota throughout the 94th and 95th precincts.

Officers Konata Hood and Rudy Dominguez of the 94th Precinct, who were on routine patrol in their squad car, soon spotted the car and were following it. To elude police, the carjacker started driving on the wrong side of the road, where he struck an unmarked police cruiser carrying Officers Jose Santiaago and Mark Newman, who were coming towards the scene.

The carjacker, 38, slammed into the unmarked car, toppling the Toyota and knocking himself unconscious. A star-shaped crack in the windshield indicated to cops that he had not been wearing his seat belt.

He was taken to Woodhull Hospital, where he was charged with robbery, weapons and stolen property possession, reckless endangerment and resisting arrest.

Santiaago and Newman were treated and released from Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan.

The butcher knife was recovered from the wrecked Toyota, cops said. Days later, the car was still sitting on Montrose Avenue, around the corner from the Union Avenue stationhouse.

# Carjacker nabbed after chase, crash



**AFTERMATH:** This is the stolen Toyota that cops say a carjacker rammed into an unmarked police car last week. The driver was arrested.

## No day at the beach for lady

**By Harry Chaddell and Gersh Kuntzman**  
for The Brooklyn Paper

### 84th Precinct

A woman's day at the floating pool was ruined when her locker was broken into.

The 63-year-old was swimming from during the 4-7:30 pm session at the barge, which is on Furman Street, near Joralemon Street, on Aug. 26. When she finished her laps, she noticed her locker was slightly ajar, and her purse and cellphone were missing.

A man who tried to steal a \$400 Coach bag at a popular DUMBO bar was apprehended on the night of Aug. 25, police said.

A 25-year-old woman was hanging out at the bar on the corner of Bridge and York streets when her high-end purse was grabbed off her chair. She got a good look at him, and the cops found him on the street moments later — the purse still on him.

**Toy story**

A 61-year-old man was robbed by a pair of perps who used what turned out to be a fake gun in DUMBO on Aug. 23.

The victim was walking on Deck Street near Front Street at around 8 pm when a young man and a 12-year-old kid approached him, pulled out what looked like a gun and said, "Give me all your money."

The man complied, but the kids were caught soon afterwards by the cops. The gun turned out to be a fake.

**Cop robbed**

Everyone gets mugged sooner or later, even the police.

An off-duty cop was sitting in her car at the corner of Livingston Street and Hanover Place at around 3:45 pm on Aug. 20 when a man asked for directions.

The cop provided the assistance, but the man came back later and snatched her wallet, which had no money, but, ironically, her NYPD identification.

**88th Precinct**

**Biker gang**

A group of two-wheeled hoodlums terrorized the Fort Greene area on Aug. 21, mugging two men 15 minutes apart. The first incident happened at

11 pm on the corner of Waverly and Gates avenues, where the victim pushed the man away and ran off as the bikers fled.

Just 15 minutes later and a few blocks away — at the corner of Fulton Street and Vanderbilt Avenue — another man was approached by three guys on BMX bikes who had the same MO, striking the man with a bat-like object and ordering him to hand over his wallet. This time, the bandits were successful, riding away with the man's new iPhone, in addition to credit cards.

**Smooth thief**

An unusually adept thief broke into a Clinton Hill house and got away with \$23,000 in valuables without setting off the alarm.

The 54-year-old resident left his house on Carlton Avenue near DeKalb Avenue on Aug. 18 and came back two days later to get a nasty welcome home: He had been robbed of a ring worth \$14,000; four paintings worth a total of \$6,000; and some less-

valuable jewelry.

The man told cops he had set his alarm system before leaving, but it had been mysteriously deactivated when he got back.

**Double trouble**

A pair of twins was attacked by strangers who apparently didn't like the looks of either sibling.

The 20-year-olds were walking on Emerson Place near Myrtle Avenue on Aug. 23 around 3:30 pm when three men jumped them with some unconventional weapons. One twin was hit with a metal dustpan, while the other was hit in the face with a broom handle, causing bruising and swelling.

Once the perps finished assaulting the pair of victims, they got into their dark Jeep and tried to run the twins over, but missed.

No demands for money or valuables were reported.

**76th Precinct**

**Brutal attack**

An 18-year-old woman was brutally assaulted on the corner of Smith and Douglass streets around midnight on Aug. 23, police said.

The woman woke up in a Long Island College Hospital bed with a fractured nose and a



The Brooklyn Paper / Tom Cullen

## Stop the war!

Activists gathered at Borough Hall on Tuesday to protest the War in Iraq — but Allen and Maryellen Tice of Adams Street appeared tired of making the same old case against the four-and-a-half-year-old conflict. MoveOn, which hosted the vigil, also led a protest rally in front of Rep. Vito Fossella's Bay Ridge office. Fossella, a Republican, has been a consistent backer of the Bush-led war.

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An ambulance took her to the LIC Hospital.

**90th Precinct**

**Cruel advice**

A man robbed a lively driver in the early morning of Aug. 24 — and then tossed a piece of fly advice at the victim: "Next time, put in a partition or camera."

That insult came after substantial injury to the 29-year-old driver, who had picked up his would-be fare at the 90th Precinct's dispatch office at Metropolitan Avenue between Havensway and Street and Marcy Avenue at around 3 am.

The driver took his rider to South Fourth and Riegel streets, where the man pulled a black handgun and pressed it against the driver's neck, cops said.

The driver turned over \$160 and the perp fled — but not before shouting back to the cops: "Piece of advice: next time, put in a partition or camera."

**Marcy mugging**

A man walking home — slowly — from the J-train station at Marcy Avenue and Broadway at around 4:30 am on Aug. 24 was mugged by two men, police said.

The victim told cops that he was walking on Marcy Avenue when the two men approached from behind and stole his asthma pump and \$18.

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## Zum gali gali! Guitar, amp swiped from Garfield Temple

By Gersh Kuntzman  
The Brooklyn Paper

The Garfield Temple was broken into during the early morning hours of Aug. 23 — and a guitar and amplifier was stolen.

Burglars entered the synagogue, which is on Eighth Avenue at Garfield Place, through a window, police said, and took the rock-and-roll accoutrements, but nothing else during the 5 a.m. heist.

The guitar and amp had a value of \$950, police said.

### Pilot twist

A movie company trailer that had been parked overnight on Baltic Street was broken into and cleaned out of nearly \$2,000 in equipment and tools.

The material was secure when the key grip locked up the trailer just after midnight on Aug. 18, between Third and Fourth avenues. But when he returned to it on Aug. 20, he discovered that the passenger-side door had been broken into.

Missing was a walkie-talkie system, a headset, wrenches, various tools, a CPR mask, fancy Maglite flashlights and at least four voltage testers, cops said.

### Woman scorned

A man's ex-girlfriend slashed him with a sharp object on Aug. 26 because he apparently took "too long" to do something.

It's unclear what act the ex-girlfriend thought should have been finished faster, but the victim told cops that his ex, a 20-year-old, 5-foot-10, 150-pound woman, approached him on Butler Street between Third and Fourth avenues at around 8 p.m. and screamed, "You took too long" before slashing her 29-year-old former flame.

### Jumped

A Manhattan man said that three men pummeled him after a verbal dispute turned ugly on Aug. 20 near the movie theater in Bartel Pritchard Square — and one man was arrested hours later.

The man didn't tell cops what the dispute was about, but said the three men jumped him, kicked him in the chest and threw a glass bottle at him before taking the cellphone right out of his hand.

He didn't get a good look at

the men, whom he described as black, but said one of them walked with a limp and had long dreadlocks.

It is unclear which of the three men was arrested in the attack, which was at the corner of Prospect Park West and 15th Street.

### Bagel burg

A beloved Seventh Avenue bagel store was robbed of \$2,000 in an early morning break-in on Aug. 23.

The burglars entered the shop, which hand-rolls its bagels at the corner of Fifth Street, by busting through the security gate, police said.

The cash had been kept in an unlocked safe in the back room. The video surveillance system was not on and the alarm had not been set, cops said.

### No credit

Two people were arrested for taking out 76 fraudulent credit card accounts at the Lowe's hardware store since May, cops said.

The 39-year-old woman and her 30-year-old rang up \$650,000 in charges at the Second Avenue store, police said.

That was just the most high-profile of the many credit-card and identity thefts last week.

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On Aug. 24, a 10th Street resident told cops that an unknown person rang up more than \$1,800 on his MasterCard.

## 78th PRECINCT

on Aug. 25 returned about nine hours later to find it missing.

A 2000 Dodge Intrepid was broken into on Fourth Avenue near Douglass Street on Aug. 24. The 36-year-old victim had parked the car at around 3 p.m., but when he came back just 10 minutes later, the rear passenger side window had been smashed and a bag containing an expensive watch, a satellite guidance system, college books and \$53 was missing.

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## verses & reverses

BY LEON FREILICH

Leon Freilich, the poet laureate of Park Slope, was inspired by a recent study that seniors have more sex than we thought, so he created this week's poetic offering, "Rocking chair for two."

According to Chicago U/Which studied more than just a few,

Old-timers — 50s to the 80s/The folks we think of as heavyweights —

Continue past their job career/To revel in the sexual sphere.

They may creak a bit and come down with cramps/But that does not discourage Gramps

And partner (wife or significant other/Or insignificant another).

As long as there's a surging will/It seems that seniors have their fill.

Was this the case, pre-chemistry/When arteries hardened regularly

While other organs took the route/Of software that refuses to boot?

What's changed, it's probably safe to say/Is healthy eating puts off decay.

While exercise has a major role/In upping sexual control.

Then there's the scientific spur/A gift to the gray-haired men and her.

That feeds desire's bodily thrills/Blue diamonds in the form of pills.

So come, gray years, and turn the page/Ahead's the fountain of old age.

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# Her church medals are swiped in unholy heist

By Matthew Lysiak  
and Michael Giardina  
The Brooklyn Paper

## 68th Precinct

An 81-year-old woman was robbed of her expensive religious medals while walking home from church on Aug. 26.

The woman told cops she on Marine Avenue, near 97th Street, at 3:50 pm when a man ran up to her, swiped the spiritual jewelry off her neck, and ran away.

The jewelry included a "miraculous medallion," which was valued at \$500, and a cross pendant, which was valued at \$320.

## Drunk assault

Talk about a next day hang-over!

A 50-year-old man was walking home from a Fifth Avenue bar when he was punched in the face and robbed on Aug. 21.

The trouble began at around 10:45 pm, when the victim left the bar, which is near 94th Street, and was immediately confronted by two perps.

One of the teens brandished a knife while the other ripped the victim's wallet out of his pants. After the thugs got the wallet, they punched the man twice in the face before taking off on foot, said cops.

The thieves made off with \$300 and the victim driver's license.

The man was treated for minor bruising and had difficulty giving a description after admitting to police he was "slightly inebriated."

## Jewelry bandit

A 42-year-old woman says her apartment was robbed on Aug. 22.

The victim left her Marine Avenue unit, which is near 89th Street, for work, but when she returned 10 hours later, she discovered that her front door had been broken and a jewelry box and \$160 had been stolen.

## Clubbed

A 21-year-old man told cops he was walking by a Fifth Avenue bar at 4 am on Aug. 26, when the bar's bouncer cracked him in the mouth with a flashlight.

The man, who was treated for injuries to his jaw and mouth, said the attack was unprovoked.

Police interviewed witnesses at the bar, which is near 87th Street.

## Unwelcome

An 86-year-old woman says her Ridge Boulevard apartment was robbed while she was on vacation this month.

The victim left the unit, which is near 74th Street, to enjoy some rest and relaxation only to return on Aug. 22 to discover her door pried open and two bracelets stolen, according to cops.

In all, the thieves got off with \$250 worth of goods.

## 62nd Precinct

### Penicillin punk

A woman had her purse straps literally cut off her shoulder as she was walking home on 66th Street on Aug. 27.

The 52-year-old was near Duryea Court at around noon when the perp approached her. Sporting a pair of scissors, the thief managed to cut the strap, swipe the pocketbook, and flee before his prey could get a good look at him.

He ran off with the bag, which contained \$100, and a very important dose of penicillin, police said.

### Kung-fu fighting

A man walking through an 18th Avenue park got the surprise of a lifetime when a Bruce Lee imposter nunchucked his way through his pockets, taking \$650 and his cellphone on Aug. 25, police said.

The 21-year-old was within the park, which is near 82nd Street, at around 7:30 pm when the karate kid approached, pulled out the weapons and struck him.

During the scuffle, the thief rifled the victim's pockets, taking his property.

### Army mugging

Two friends were mugged by a pack of thugs that punched and robbed them on Aug. 24.

The two were on Kings Highway, near McDonald Avenue, at around 11:40 pm when they were approached by the six thugs. The first victim was punched numerous times in the head and neck, while the second victim was knocked to the floor.

During the beating, one of the perps rifled each of their pockets, taking \$300 and a cellphone, police said.

The pack of thieves fled the scene, leaving the first victim with a cut ear, and the second with a bruised neck.

### Wallet lapse

A woman who had forgotten her wallet on the counter of a Bay Parkway bodega on Aug. 24 returned minutes later to find that the billfold had already been taken.

Police believe that the thief was the woman who was behind the 31-year-old in line at the store, which is near 63rd Street.

The thief made off with \$40, including the woman's credit and debit cards, in the 4:30 pm heist of convenience.

### Gym swipe

A man had his wallet and cellphone stolen from a locker

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at a Shore Parkway gym on Aug. 20 — a crime that has become a regular feature in these weekly crime pages.

The gym rat, 21, left his clothes within a locker in the gym, which is near Crosey Avenue.

At around 6:30 pm, he returned to find his clothes still there, but his valuables gone.

The thug managed to flee with the victim's credit cards and his mobile, police said.

### Roof robbers

Two robberies — both through the rooftop of stores on

86th Street — has cops wondering if the break-ins might be related.

In the first robbery, on Aug. 21, thugs cut a hole through the roof of a supermarket near 23rd Avenue at around 10 pm.

Once inside, the thieves took more than \$6,000 from the office, police said.

The second robbery was on Aug. 24, inside a store near 24th Avenue.

At around 8 pm, the thieves managed to pop through the roof and swipe all the electronics on the premises, police said.

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## ALL DRAWN OUT



## OUR OPINION

# Keep asking the locals

**B**rooklynites, especially those who live near the Brooklyn Bridge, the Brooklyn Museum, and other tourist attractions, were scratching their heads this week after hearing that the mayor's new \$5.7-million tourism initiative centers around telling tourists to "just ask the locals."

What, pray tell, does the mayor think tourists have been doing for the better part of a decade here in Brooklyn?

Tourism is booming in New York City — and as tourists cram into an increasingly generic Manhattan, more and more visitors are finding their way to our borough.

The problem has been helping them find their way around Brooklyn.

Since our offices are in DUMBO, we have been on the front lines of our own "Just ask the locals" campaign. All day long, perplexed, guide-book-toting visitors from Europe, South America, Asia and, our favorite the other day, an apologetic man from Alaska, pour off the footpath on the

Brooklyn side of Roebbing's fabled bridge and are greeted by ... nothing.

In an even worse state are the tourists who take a subway to Brooklyn Heights and then get to ground level. For outsiders, there's no way to find that footpath entrance or the famous Brooklyn Heights Promenade short of doing what the mayor will now spend millions to advise tourists to do: just ask the locals.

Earlier this year, the city Parks Department was finally shamed into putting up little signs in Cadman Plaza Park pointing people in the vague direction of the footpath and the neighborhood's scenic overlook. But those small and inadequate signs only came after a Heights native, Roslyn Beck, had been putting up quaint, hand-painted signs herself.

George Ferritto, the chief executive of NYC & Company, the city's tourism arm, said on Wednesday that the goal of the "Just ask the locals" campaign is to "change the

experience so that when people get off the plane, they immediately feel welcomed."

No disrespect to Ferritto, but in Brooklyn, we're much more interested in how the city can "change the experience" when tourists get off the bridge and not for nothing, but the campaign's reliance on the usual Manhattan celebrities and sites — Robert DeNiro on Spring Street, Tiki Barber in Central Park, Jimmy Fallon on Irving Place — strikes us as a missed opportunity to encourage tourists to Brooklyn.

It's been clear for years that the graffiti-covered, and pretty much useless, 1980s-era maps around the Brooklyn Bridge and Borough Hall have needed to be replaced, but they still stand there, like totems harkening back to the bad old days when tourists shunned New York entirely.

The Borough President did install a well-stocked tourism office in the ground floor of Borough Hall. But this nice gesture fails for one simple reason: few tourists can find it.

## LETTERS

# She disliked our coverage — but loved the photo of her children!

To the editor,

Your article about the rezoning of Summit Street ("Dogs and costumes and shrubbery — oh, my!" Carroll Gardens-Cobble Hill Edition and online, July 14) did not cover specific issues that affect my neighborhood. The article did not address, for example, how all three small businesses (Woolf's 'n Whiskers, Gowan's Nursery, and Composition) serve the immediate community and hire locally.

Woolf's 'n Whiskers pays its employees more than minimum wage, offers benefits, supports Good Shepherd Services'

Learning to Work program and has tripled its employees over the last three years.

It seems ironic to me that housing is going to displace picture of our new neighbors may require.

Gowan's Nursery helps beautify the neighborhood and Woolf's 'n Whiskers is the only boarding facility with a 6,000-square-foot backyard. We are not able to simply pick up and move, yet still serve our community.

I think it is a shame that your

audience didn't get more details on what it stands to lose by pushing out three community-based service businesses.

I do appreciate that adorable picture of my kids that Greg Mango took.

**Danielle Vidal, Red Hook**  
The writer is owner of Woolf's 'n Whiskers

## Support troops

To the editor,

Thanks for your story about the upcoming charity benefit for Captain John McKenna ("Golf tournament honors soldier,"

Aug. 18). It is rare that I see that memories of our fallen taken to this extent.

It makes me proud to be a Brooklynite, and a soldier.

There are times when service members question our motives for being where we are (in Iraq).

I must admit that there have been times when I have done the same.

But my duties in the past six years in have not allowed me to think as much. I know my place! I belong where I am! I question my place no more.

So please, Brooklyn Paper, please remember why we fight.

I grew up rough, in Flatbush and Crown Heights and I was headed nowhere. My mom tried her best to raise my brother and me the best she could.

But, my morals and priorities were screwed up. I was always with a bad crowd. I went to jail and had a so-what attitude. I never thought I would live past 16.

But I joined the Army when I was 27, and now, at age 34, I have two certified skills.

I am not a saint. I have been a bad boy, and I still have the traits of one. But this is to only state to our younger Brooklynites to stop killing ourselves senselessly.

We already have another type of war going on that is doing a damn good job at keeping the American population to a level. Get your education!

If you must fight someone, let's do it on their land, not ours!

We should honor our service members like Captain McKenna.

**Brian Best, Crown Heights**

## LoDuca lover

To the editor,

I want to commend and thank Paul LoDuca for the time he spent with the fans at Kips Bay Park during his rehabilitation assignment this week (see article, page XX). Prior to the game, LoDuca signed countless autographs and posed for photos with many fans, as he did afterwards.

It is players like LoDuca who make baseball America's pastime and beloved sport. It is the interaction between fans and the players that keep the seats of the stadiums full each night.

Paul LoDuca made Brooklyn proud. The fans thank you. Baseball thanks you. Three cheers for you, Paul LoDuca.

Oh, and one more thing: Let's go Mets!

**John Quaglione, Bay Ridge**

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# John Gallahue, 76

## Author, father of former Paper staffer

By Gersh Kuntzman

The Brooklyn Paper

John "Jack" Gallahue, the father of former Brooklyn Paper reporter Patrick Gallahue — and a best-selling author, teacher, psychotherapist and world traveler — died this week of cardiac arrest. He was 76.

In addition to fathering our much-loved journalist, Gallahue is best known as the author of "The Jesuit," a best-selling mystery novel in 1973 that may have been inspired

by his experience in a Jesuit seminary in New England.

Gallahue, who died on Aug. 27, had lived his entire life in Manhattan, but traveled the world, his son said.

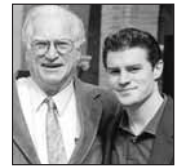
"He was born on West 110th Street and lived the last 20 years of his life on West 110th Street," Patrick Gallahue said. "In between that, he traveled, taught at Columbia and the New School and counseled homeless people. He really was a great guy."

The funeral was on Thursday at Corpus Christi Church

in Manhattan and the burial was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in upstate Hawthorne, New York, where Babe Ruth, James Cagney, Dutch Schultz and Fred Allen are also buried.

Gallahue is survived by his wife, Susan Gallahue; his sons Patrick and Sean and daughter Fiona; a granddaughter, Tegan; and his former wife, Martha Gallahue.

In lieu of flowers, Patrick Gallahue suggested donations to charities that serve the homeless, a particularly important cause to his father.



John Gallahue (left) with his son, Patrick Gallahue.

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this," said Triplett, standing shell-shocked amid construction materials in the area that would have housed the main lounge.

"We took second jobs."

None of the men, all in their 30s, are newcomers to business or to the neighborhood. Triplett, a Clinton Hill resident, has a Masters in arts administration from the Pratt Institute and runs Parks-Hall, an arts non-profit. McKenzie is a Goldman Sachs alum, a Brooklyn Tech graduate and an Adelphi Street resident.

Jenkins' family runs Paladin Construction, based in the Navy Yard. He also lives on Adelphi Street.

"We [heard the term] BAM Cultural District, [but] it was kind of like how you hear the 'Theater District,'" said Triplett. "We thought BAM was calling it the 'BAM Cultural District.' So it kind of fit with what we are going for."

Local real-estate broker Eva Daniels, who helped the men sign the 10-year lease with building owner Juan Lopez, said she had no idea the site was slated for redevelopment.

"I'm really shocked," said Daniels. "We asked questions. [Lopez] did tell me about BAM wanting to buy the building, and that he was renting it because they couldn't agree on a price."

Lopez did not respond to repeated requests for comment. The city plan for the "cultural district" calls for BAM to anchor

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an artistic community that would serve as a counterweight to Lincoln Center. In February, the city requested proposals for a building that would house Dance-space Project, ground-floor retail and 150 units of housing, many of them affordable.

The development would occupy both the Amber site as well as the home of the financial information firm, Track Data Corp, which employs 150 people nearby.

But city officials maintain that adequate public notice of the eminent domain plan was given.

"In 2004, all the affected landowners were informed of the potential of their buildings being taken," said Seth Doolin, a spokesman for the Department of Housing Preservation and Development. "So [Lopez] ... has known about the possibility since 2004."

The city held a public hearing about the eminent domain process on May 22.

Joe Chan, president of the Downtown Brooklyn Partner-

ship, the quasi-governmental agency overseeing development in the area, said the seizure of the site was necessary to the borough's growth.

"The mixed-use building will house the city's first contemporary choreographic center and will provide affordable work and performance space for dance companies and individual artists — many of whom are Brooklyn residents," Chan said in a statement.

"In addition, the new project will create at least 150 units of new housing — half of which will be affordable to low- and moderate-income families."



Artist Mark Reigelman shared a part of his new art project on the steps of Borough Hall with Borough President Markowitz on Aug. 24.

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## Autumn 'Frost'

Paul Auster takes another turn behind the camera

By Adam Rathe  
The Brooklyn Paper

Despite his perch at the top of Brooklyn's oversized heap of writers, Paul Auster dismisses the notion that he acts as the literary's eminence grise.

"I pretty much stick to myself," said Auster, who's spent two decades living in Park Slope. Instead of knocking back drinks with the borough's other wordsmiths, when Auster isn't writing books, he's making movies.

On Sept. 7, "The Inner Life of Martin Frost," Auster's third stint behind the camera, will hit theaters and just might launch him from the bookshelf to big screen fame.

Bookish types shouldn't worry, though, since Auster told GO Brooklyn he had no plans to stop writing — making movies just scratches a different creative itch.

"When you're writing a novel, you have a whole world at your disposal," Auster said.

But with a film, "you're literally thinking about the frame, the square, that rectangle on the screen. You're thinking about what is going to be inside that box."

And what ended up inside this particular box is quite unusual. Part love story and part ghost story, Auster's film has only four characters, none who could carry a film on his own, but whose combined eccentricities aptly propel the film's 93 minutes. The story is surely worth seeing, but after a summer of action-packed blockbusters, a character-driven drama can feel a bit slow.

It isn't that Auster, who won an Independent Spirit Award for the screenplay for "Smoke" in 1995, was slacking here; he simply expects different things from film than he does from his novels.

"Film is a bit like a jigsaw puzzle, whereas a novel is more of an ongoing, rolling narration, and functions quite differently," he said. "What is so interesting about film is it's always in the present. That's the form and it's a big challenge."

It turned out to be a challenge he handled quite well. The film, which stars David Thewlis as Martin Frost, is centered on a New York writer spending the summer at a friend's empty country house. His hopes for a quiet sojourn are dashed,



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though, by the appearance of Claire (Irene Jacob), a foxy philosophy student only slightly past her prime.

Thewlis is spot-on as Frost, who never loses his "who, me?" attitude towards his seductress, even as it becomes apparent that she stopped telling the truth at about the same time she stopped wearing a shirt — which is to say about 20 minutes into the film.

Rounding out the cast are Michael Imperioli, the former "Sopranos" star taking a smart comic turn, and Auster's daughter, Sophie, who, nepotism be damned, fits the role of the odd, intriguing Anna.

"This film had a cast of only four actors and a very small crew, we were only about 18 people on the set. So it had a very inti-

### CINEMA

"The Inner Life of Martin Frost" opens on Sept. 7 at the IFC Center (323 Sixth Ave., at West Third Street in Manhattan). For information, call (212) 924-7771 or visit [www.ifccenter.com](http://www.ifccenter.com).

mate feel," said Auster. "And we worked rapidly. I think on [my previous film] 'Lulu' we had something like 44 days, [but] with 'Martin Frost' we shot it all in 25. So it's quite a different experience, but both of them were wonderful — just different."

The actors thought so as well. "Paul is very clear on what he wants as a director and he's very precise — in a good way," said Michael Imperioli. "He's very clear on the language and on the words. You can see that in his novels as well, things are chosen particularly."

It wasn't all work and no play, though. "[Auster is] extremely intelligent," said Imperioli, "but he can laugh at somebody getting a pie in the face."

And while no one gets pied in the movie, Auster slipped plenty of his own life into the finished product, including family photos on the shelves of the house (which belongs to a character named Restau, a barely veiled anagram of Auster). He also put in a round of screwdriver darts, a game he and a friend played as youngsters that never quite

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My favorite 'Martin': Martin Frost (played by David Thewlis) discovers Claire (Irene Jacob) has mysteriously appeared in his bed overnight.

## THEATRE & DANCE

It's been six years since the Sept. 11 attacks, and the lower Manhattan skyline seems as empty as ever. To help fill that dramatic gap (if only figuratively), the **Silver-Brown Dance Company** performs its program "OASIS 4" in the park at the foot of Washington Street (Sept. 7, 8, 9 and 11). ... There's almost no sense reporting that **Ian McKellen** (pictured) stars in the Royal Shakespeare Company's "King Lear" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (30 Lafayette Ave., at Ashland Place in Fort Greene) since the 15-performance run is sold out.



There are, however, tickets remaining for the eight non-McKellen performances of Chekhov's "The Seagull." ("Lear," Sept. 6-30; "Seagull," Sept. 7-29). ... To remind everyone where that "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" craze originated, the ever-adventurous **Gallery Players** begins its 41st season with John Guare's seminal 1991 study of Manhattan high society, "Six Degrees of Separation." (Sept. 15-30). ... Autumn is becoming Mee Season onstage, as much-honored playwright **Charles Mee** has two New York premieres: off-Broadway's Signature Theatre will present his Euripides reworking, "Iphigenia 2.0," while the Brooklyn Academy of Music's "Next Wave Festival" will premiere Mee's new play based on the life of Queens-born artist Joseph Cornell, "Hotel Cas-siopeia." (Oct. 9-13). ... For the opening night of the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts (Walt Whitman Theatre, one block from the junction of Flatbush and Nostrand avenues), the celebrated **Ballet Folklórico de México** — 75 dancers and musicians strong — performs works by choreographer **Amalia Hernandez** (Oct. 13). ... One week later, the **Egyptian Folkloric Dance Troupe** invades Brooklyn Center for the first time with its colorful pageantry and whirlwind of movement (Oct. 20). ... With today's heavy political climate, the **Gallery Players** are sending war up with "Yank!" a musical about gay soldiers during World War II (Oct. 20-Nov. 4). — **Kevin Filipski**

## CINEMA

**Rooftop Films** rolls to a close with a free screening of kooky documentary "Darkon" at Automotive High School (50 Bedford Ave., near Lorimer Street in Williamsburg) on Sept. 13. ... **The Brooklyn Independent Cinema Series**, featuring the work of many Brooklyn residents, continues every first and third Monday of the month, 7 pm at Barbes (379 Ninth St., at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope). Upcoming highlights include "Fish Kill Flea," a documentary about the demise of a favorite local flea market on Long Island. ... Brooklyn poster boy **Jonathan Lethem** hand selects his favorite films at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (30 Lafayette Ave., at Ashland Place in Fort Greene) beginning Oct. 15 and running through November. ... Fort Greene resident **Keri Russell**'s new film, "August Rush," which filmed in Brooklyn Heights, opens Nov. 21. ... Galapagos Art Space (70 N. Sixth St., at Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg) continues its "Real Life Movie-house" every first and third Sunday of the month. Don't miss the classic "Rebel Without a Cause" or cult favorite "The Big Lebowski" in November (including shorts by local filmmakers). ... Boorum Hall during **Heath Ledger** (pictured) will play Bob Dylan along with a host of other famous faces — including girlfriend **Michelle Williams** — in "I'm Not There." (Nov. 21). — **Laura McDonald**



**Books**

"Strange Skies" (pictured), the debut novel from Brooklyn author Matt Marinovich, tells the story of a man who pretends he has cancer to avoid starting a family. (Sept. 1). ... Hop out to get Mo Willems' latest children's book, "Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity" (Sept. 4) and check out his reading at **Word Bookstore** (126 Franklin St., in Greenpoint) on Oct. 4. ... Gowanus's favorite publishing house, Akashic Books, is releasing "Silent Pictures," a collection of photos by music shutter-bug Pat Graham that document the '90s underground rock scene (Sept. 10). ... Head over to Boorum Hall to check out the second **Brooklyn Book Festival** (Sept. 16). ... If you've always wanted to join a book club but never found one that involved enough beer, go to **Pete's Candy Store**. See FALL PREVIEW on page 11



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# Côtes du Rhône

By Darrin Siegfried

Real wine lovers take delight in well-made, unpretentious wines, and so many of my friends in the wine business love the wines of Côtes du Rhône. This large, widely diverse appellation stretches 125 miles, from the slopes of Côte Rôtie in the north, near the culinary Mecca of Vienna, to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, south of the walled city of Avignon. It encompasses 170,000 acres of vineyards and produces 14% of all the wine made in France. Most of these wines are red, with about 5% of the total production white and 8% rosé. These whites and rosés are dry, delicious and well worth seeking out.

There are many famous and often expensive wines made here: the legendary Condrieu and Châteauneuf-du-Pape, made from a blend of as many as thirteen grapes, is a wonderful wine to enjoy with grilled steaks and roasted lamb. The real values, and oftentimes bargains, to be had here are the wines labeled Côtes du Rhône and Côtes du Rhône Villages. These can vary in style according to the terrain of the vineyard and the intent of the wine maker to interpret the character of the vintage: they may be fresh and fruity, rich and satisfying or smoky, mysterious and brooding. Well known wine houses often use this broad appellation as a way to use up their excess grapes, the declassified grapes from overproduction of their more costly wines. A few small, iconoclastic wine makers here may age their better vintages for as many as ten years before putting them on the market, allowing wine lovers to find well made, mature wine at remarkably reasonable prices. Since there are

10,000 producers making wines under this name, the variation in styles can be immense... so it's wise to deal with a wine merchant who actually tastes the wines that are available, and doesn't merely buy the most well known labels or the cheapest bottles. Over 300 million bottles of Côtes du Rhône are made in an average year.

Côtes du Rhône is the broadest appellation, and wines thus labeled can be made from anywhere in the entire appellation, from Vienna to Pertuis. Most of these are wines that are meant to be drunk within a few years of the harvest. One step up (generally... there are always a few exceptions) is Côtes du Rhône Villages. Wines with this on the label must come from the 16 villages specified for this appellation. These are considered better sites for grape growing, producing grapes with more character and better flavor. Blends are allowed, but every single grape must come from one of the villages if the wine is to be called Côtes du Rhône Villages. Most often, the name of the village appears on the label, and these are, alphabetically: Beaumes-de-Venise (also known for their dessert wines, made from the fragrant Muscat grape), Cairanne (some real individualists making wine here from old vines), Chusclan (terrific rosés made here), Laudun, Rasteau (boldly flavored), Roaix (shows well with 3-4 years of ageing), Rochegude, Sablet (lighter reds), St. Gervais, St. Maurice-sur-Eygues, St. Pantaléon-les-Vignes, Rousset-les-Vignes, Séguret (age this one for 4-7 years), Valréas, Visignolles and Visan.

I love the versatility of these wines. These are wines to simply open and enjoy. They are almost chameleon-like in that they pair well with so many foods, making them favorites in the bistros and brasseries of Paris... and New York! With summer here, I often pour Côtes du Rhône when we grill our dinner outdoors. Everything from burgers, sausages, steaks and chicken will taste better with a glass of Côtes du Rhône, and you can even chill it on a hot day.



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## A good 'age'

Epoca shakes up the Fort Greene dining scene, adding a bit of Northern Italian flair

By Adam Rathe  
The Brooklyn Paper

The sleek, romantic vibe at Epoca, the new Italian eatery in Fort Greene, is no match for the enthusiastic diners the spot draws. "That lasagna was off the hook," one woman shouted across the tranquil room to owner Rudy Accornero on a recent Friday night, and more than a few other diners stopped their hushed chatter to nod in agreement.

Since opening in June, Accornero and chef Andrea Bono have cultivated this kind of interaction; creating a spot that's both chic and friendly, with the look of a polished bistro but the soul of a neighborhood lunch counter. Sitting down to dinner recently, I felt like I had found a new pocket of the city: this wasn't the old hat faux-French restaurant that Fort Greene is known for, and the crowd spilling out onto Fulton Street made me feel like I was watching a block party from the other side of the windows.

My focus wasn't on them for long, though; my eyes were trying to take in the oversized glass of sangria that had

### DINING

Epoca (773 Fulton St., between South Portland Avenue and South Oxford Street in Fort Greene) accepts cash only. Brunch: \$11.95. Lunch: \$4.25-\$14.95. Dinner: \$7.25-\$24.95. The eatery is open for dinner Sunday through Thursday from noon-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 5 p.m.-midnight. Lunch is served Wednesday through Friday from noon-5 p.m. Brunch is served Saturday and Sunday from noon-3 p.m. For information, call (718) 596-9070.

made its way to the table. Despite the wine list that Accornero has accumulated, the fruity glass of red was a great way to start the night.

Just in time to join the sangria, a plate of "frittura con verde," fried calamari, shrimp and shoestring zucchini fries; and the "trio di bruschette," three small tastes of bruschetta (one classic tomato, one speck and brie, and one grilled shrimp, avocado and mustard) landed on the table.

The plate of fried sea creatures was outstanding. The shrimp tasted fresh — though we would have loved to see

more than two — and the calamari rings — without, much to my delight, the squid's bodies — were expertly done. The real standout here was the zucchini, which, lightly battered but still crisp and salty, should be a side dish on its own.

The bruschetta trio was tasty but, with only three pieces, required messy cutting and too much sharing to be a smart option for a group.

Entrées, sized for sharing, definitely didn't have the same problem.

An order of spinach and saffron risotto — half a plate of each, arranged like a black and white cookie — was almost too pretty to dig into (but we managed). Unlike the spinach portion, the saffron-hinted rice was a bit too subtle for me — and the whole plate would have benefited from a protein. Spoonful after spoonful of the creamy dish was almost too much of a good thing.

Plenty of protein swam its way into the "spaghetti di mare," that night's special pasta. Clams, salmon and squid were tossed with lightly dressed noodles that showed off the chef's talent with seafood and summery fare.



Penne for your thoughts: The scene at Epoca, left, is relaxed and romantic, but don't let that distract you from an order of the Zababone Fresco, above, a custard that is worth spending some extra time on the treadmill for.

The same can be said for "Rudy's Grill," the owner's namesake special that allows a diner to pair a meat, two sides and sauce to create his own favorite dish.

We chose "Rudy's Grand Platter," a wooden plank topped with Italian sausage, smoked scamorza cheese and a rabe.

Everything here was seared perfectly. The meat was juicy and well seasoned, and that was before we dragged it all through the boat of gorgonzola sauce — tasty, but way too thin — that came on the side. Other sauce choices included a mint-line number that worked well for seafood, but was too citrusy for meat; and a port reduction that was a bit too heavy for a summer night.

In the name of research, we soldiered on and ordered dessert. At Accornero's suggestion, we tried the "cioccolatissimo," a tasty version of molten chocolate cake that came with a nice gelato. Though many long for molten chocolate cake to take its place in the trendy food graveyard, I had to admit this tasty version.

It was no match for the "Zababone fresco," though.

The cold creamy mousse, layered with fresh berries, was tremendously rich but never too heavy, and is what people must dream of as they eat saccharine sweet, fruit-flavored yogurt for breakfast.

So, while I never made it to the fabbed lasagna, and I hadn't had quite enough sangria to yell across the room at the owner, the woman whose announcement started my night ended up being quite prophetic.

Since I didn't tell anyone at the restaurant, I'll just say it here: my own experience at Epoca was pretty off the hook as well.

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## All the Kings' Men



### Steve Buscemi

"We were just waiting on a corner in East New York where [Buscemi] grew up," said Kushner. "I thought, 'He's not coming.'"

But Buscemi did show up and a quintessential tale of heart and history weaved itself together.

While Buscemi pointed out his former school and where he played with friends for the first eight years of his life, a man by the name of Michael Rosario poked his head out of an upstairs apartment window.

"There aren't a lot of photo shoots on corners in East New York, so people look," said Kushner. Rosario happened to live in Buscemi's old apartment and invited them in.

"It was pure chance that everything fell into place the way it did," said LaSala. "Such a beautiful moment and we got to share it with him."

### Billy T. Thomas

Some people told stories to Kushner and LaSala, but other people actually were the story.

Kushner and LaSala encountered Billy T. Thomas on a Bed-Stuy street after striking out with another possible subject.

What made Thomas unique is that he stopped them and asked for a photograph.

"He didn't stop moving," said LaSala. "He was amazing. He just had this energy to him."

Thomas was full of poetic movement and lyrics; instead of posing, he strutted and instead of answering

Over the past three years, Seth Kushner, 33, and Anthony LaSala, 32, both of Bay Ridge, have accomplished a whole lot.

They made hundreds of new friends, visited Steve Buscemi's childhood home, took a ride with Rosie Perez and got past the guarded palace walls of Seagate. And, oh yeah, they wrote a book.

"The Brooklynites," out Sept. 20, is a bound love letter to their borough.

"There's something special about this place," said Kushner, a freelance photographer. "You just never know what's going to come out of someone's mouth."

The book features 206 photos, charting a course from Bensonhurst to Bedford-Stuyvesant, and capturing such borough notables as Jonathan Lethem, Spike Lee and Matty Yohe.

"It's meant to be a snapshot of Brooklyn," said LaSala, a senior editor at Photo District News and freelance writer. "What's changing and what we love."

This week, GO Brooklyn's Chiam Cowan sat down with the authors and found out that while they love Brooklyn unconditionally, they definitely had favorites when it came to their subjects.

**Olga Karmansky**  
Unlike some Brooklyn neighborhoods, Seagate boasts no bodegas or Starbucks cafes; it is literally a gate to the sea. And, it has secrets to which the rest of the world is not privy.

"I went to Mark Twain Junior High School down the street from Seagate," said LaSala. "But I never went past [the gate]. I couldn't get past the guard."

Trading on the star power of 19-year-old gymnast Olga Karmansky, though, Kushner and LaSala were able to make it to the fabled land beyond the guard house.

"[Karmansky] was an amazing subject," said Kushner. "She hopped up on the post and just held herself in these inhuman poses with the wind blowing. Our jaws were hanging open watching her."

But watching Karmansky pose was still not as awesome as finally getting a peek inside of Seagate's closed walls. "The gate closes behind you and you're in another world," said Kushner. "It's incredible."



questions, he rhymed. "Like they say, 'All the world's a stage,'" said Kushner. "We saw many shows."

"The Brooklynites" (PowerHouse Books) will be released on Sept. 20. \$35. Additionally, beginning Sept. 6, 40 of the photographs will be on exhibit at the powerHouse Arena (37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO). For information, call (718) 222-1331 or visit [www.powerhousebooks.com](http://www.powerhousebooks.com).

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left him, which acts as one of the film's best scenes.

Additionally, Auster's voice can be heard on screen as the narrator. But it's not like the novelist wants to give up his day job. He was just being "practical," he said.

"I needed family photographs for the house ... and I realized what a waste of time and money it would be to make fake family photos when I had hundreds to choose from here," he

said. "This is a story about a man who writes a story, and needless to say I'm the one who wrote it. I thought it was an interesting touch to have my presence there in that silent way."

But Auster didn't need to do those things to put his fingerprints all over the project. From the draft sets to the low-key cast, the movie is done on Auster's terms and any fan of his work will see him in the small details — and not just the ones with his face on them.

The director said he hasn't given up his typewriter yet. "I look at this work in film that I've done as an extension of my work as a writer," he said. "It's just another way of telling stories."

## 9 DAYS...

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"King Lear" \$30, \$55, \$75, \$90, 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater, 651 Fulton St. (718) 636-4100. For more information go to [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

**BARGE MUSIC:** Jazz music concert featuring Ted Rosenthal and Jay Leonhart, performing music from shows "The Bass Lesson" and "Nikola Tulip." \$40, \$25 students, 8 pm, Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.

Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.

**MEETING:** Narrows Community Theater hosts monthly meeting. Members, non-members and interested parties are invited to attend. 8 pm, Shore Hill Senior Center, 5000 Shore Rd. Call for more information. (718) 482-3173.

**BALL GAME:** 7 pm. See Wed., Sept. 5.

**Fri, Sept 7**

**SEWING CLUB:** at the Lefferts Historic House. Learn basic sewing techniques on a patch-

work quilt. 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Empire Boulevard. (718) 965-8951.

**OPENING RECEPTION:** 440 Gallery presents welded steel sculpture by Martha Walker. Walker uses molten metal to create forms that appear to float through space. 6 pm to 9 pm, 440 Sixth Avenue. (718) 499-3844. For more information go to [www.440gallery.com](http://www.440gallery.com).

**RECEPTION:** Lucky Gallery presents "Buddha Luck," featuring the art of Mary Delvincenti and Roxanne Bohana. 6 pm to 9 pm, 176 Richards St. (718)

852-9232. Free.

**DANCE PERFORMANCE:** The Silver-Brown Dance Company makes its fourth appearance in the park at the foot of Washington Street, and will perform its program "Oasis 4," a memorial to the September 11 tragedies. 7 pm. In the park at the foot of Washington Street. For more information go to [www.silverbrown.org](http://www.silverbrown.org).

**BAM:** The Royal Shakespeare Company presents "The Seagull." \$30, \$55, \$75, \$90, 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater, 651 Fulton St. (718) 636-4100. For more information go to [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

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**BARGE MUSIC:** presents "Here and Now: American Contemporary Music Series" featuring Glory The Piano Music of David Del Tridico. Pianist Marc Pelouquet performs. \$40, \$25 students, 8 pm, Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.

**BURLESQUE THEATRE PARK:** Pinchbottomland Amusement Park, a part of Coney Island USA's Burlesque at the Beach series. Warning: The first few rows may get wet. \$15, 10 pm. Seated by the Seashore, 1208 Surf Ave. For more information go to [www.pinchbottom.com](http://www.pinchbottom.com).

**BALL GAME:** 7 pm. See Wed., Sept. 5. Also, Fan Appreciation Night. First 2,500 fans to enter the park receive a Brooklyn Bridge Bobblehead.

### SAT, SEPT 8

#### OUTDOORS AND TOURS

**LULLWATER EXPLORATION:** Enjoy a local tour detailing Prospect Park's aquatic habitats. Brochures provided. \$10, \$6 kids. Noon to 12:45 pm. Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue. (718) 287-3400.

**RED HOOK BOATERS:** Go kayaking. 1 pm to 5 pm. Park Pier, Calley and Ferts streets, Red Hook. (917) 676-6458. [www.redhookboaters.com](http://www.redhookboaters.com).

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**DISCOVER TOURS:** Explore the secrets of nature with teachers and naturalists from the Prospect Park Audubon Center. 3 pm to 4 pm. Call for more information. (718) 287-3400. Free.

#### PERFORMANCE

**FULTON STREET BEAT:** Music with Impact2 and The Request Band. 1 pm. Albee Square at Dekalb Avenue between Flatbush Avenue Extension and Albee Square West. (718) 453-1453. Free.

**BAM:** The Royal Shakespeare Company presents "King Lear." \$30, \$55, \$75, \$90, 2 pm. Also, "The Seagull." \$30, \$55, \$75, \$90, 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater, 651 Fulton St. (718) 636-4100. For more information go to [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

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**BARGE MUSIC:** presents "The Shanghai String Quartet in a program of music by Beethoven, Ligeti and Dvorak. \$40, \$25 students, 8 pm, Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street at the East River. (718) 624-2083.

#### OTHER

**OPEN HOUSE:** Cynthia King Dance Studio hosts demo classes, meet the teachers. Question and answer session. 11 am to 2 pm, 1256 Prospect Ave. (718) 437-0101. Free.

**BALL GAME:** Brooklyn Cyclones hosts a Baseball Legends fundraiser game. 3:30 to 5:15 pm. Autograph session begins at 12:30 pm. Key Span Park, 1904 Surf Ave, Coney Island. (718) 507-1100 or (516) 625-0091.

**EXHIBIT:** Citi Contemporary Fine Art presents "Fine and Old," new cast glass by Oliver Doris. Also, "New Programs" by Wanda Taylor Remington. 293 Grand St., between Haver and Roosevelt streets. Call for time and more information. (718) 218-8939.

### SUN, SEPT 9

**PERFORMANCE**

**BAM:** The Royal Shakespeare Company presents "King Lear." \$30, \$55, \$75, \$90, 3 pm. BAM Harvey Theater, 651 Fulton St. For more information go to [www.bam.org](http://www.bam.org).

**CIRCUS AMOK:** 14th annual season of outdoor political circus spectacle. This year: "Bee-Dazzled." 1 pm, 3 pm and 5 pm, Prospect Park, behind the Tennis House. Enter park at Ninth Street and Prospect Park West. For more information go to [www.circusamok.com](http://www.circusamok.com).

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**BARGE MUSIC:** 4 pm. See Sat., Sept. 8.

**DANCE PERFORMANCE:** 5 pm. See Sat., Sept. 8.

#### OTHER:

**FOOTBALL:** Join the Minor League Football team, the NYC Falcons, as they enter their third season against the NYC Hustlers. 2 pm to 4 pm, Aviator Sports, Floyd Bennett Field. For more information go to [www.aviatorsports.com](http://www.aviatorsports.com).

**EXHIBIT:** McCADA presents "The French Revolution: Race, Politics and The 2005 Riots." 80 Hanson Pl. For more information go to [www.mccada.org](http://www.mccada.org).

**OPEN HOUSE:** 11 am to 2 pm. See Sat., Sept. 8.

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Sunday, Sept. 9th  
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Evening Service 8:00 pm

Fri., Sept. 14: Traditional Service 9:00 am  
Time Sensitive/Explanatory Service 10:00 am

#### YOM KIPPUR

Fri., Sept. 21: Kol Nidrei 6:45 pm

Sat., Sept. 22: Traditional Service 9:00 am  
Time Sensitive/Explanatory Service 10:30 am  
Yizkor 12:00 pm  
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# 'Fat' reality star marched off

By Matthew Lysjak  
The Brooklyn Paper

A larger-than-life Bay Ridge man stretched his 15 minutes into 27.2 miles, but in the end he just couldn't lose enough to win it all.

Will Millender, 26, had embarked on a 10-week, 550-mile walk from Boston to Washington as part of ABC's reality show, "Fat March," in which 12 super-sized contestants lose weight to win cash.

But he was booted off the program in a dramatic elimination scene on Monday.

Millender took the defeat like the former competitive cat-calling champ he was.

"I understand why you did this," he told his executors amid a tear or two.

The show was reality TV at its best. Unlike other weight-loss shows like "The Biggest Loser" and "Celebrity Fit Club," contestants on "Fat March" aren't battling each other, but trying to become one big (actually, slightly less big) band of brothers.

The goal is to stick together for the entire walk — and share a \$1.2-million pot. But every time someone drops out or is voted out for slowing the others down, the pot is reduced by \$100,000.

By this week's episode, the walkers had already marched 278 miles to Philadelphia, but had to do another 18 miles in just five hours.



**LONG WAY HOME:** Bay Ridge native Will Millender was finally booted off the ABC reality show "Fat March" this week after threatening to drag down the entire group.

Millender couldn't make it, and thus gave his fellow contestants an agonizing choice: kick him off and lose another \$100,000 out of the pot, or let him stay, but be forced to march back to the spot where he gave up.

In a case of exercise versus loyalty, loyalty lost, and Millender was voted off.

But money wasn't all that he lost. Millender weighed in at 474 pounds before the march, and was down to 413 — a loss of 61 pounds — at the weigh-in at the end of Monday's episode. Now he hopes to keep the weight off.

"I am going home to continue what I started," Millender said after he was eliminated. "I hope the rest of you succeed through this experience."

## HYNES...

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an attack on the men and women in blue that he prefaced his reading by saying the story "arose out of my profound admiration for the New York Police Department."

Some admiration? Hynes said graft has been an enduring problem in the NYPD because of loyalty among men.

"Cyclical corruption," he said, has been exposed "every 20 years for about 100 years" because of the "blue wall of silence."

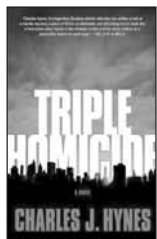
The audience quickly bought

up all the available copies of Hynes's book, whose real names, neighborhoods and characters will be recognizable to anyone familiar with the 1970s and '80s.

"I can remember a lot of the events," said Jim Boyle, the former head of the firefighters union. "It holds your interest and the ending caught me."

Boyle added while socializing with a friend at the bar.

"I think it's great how passionately he is about the topic," added Corey Calabrese, a Fordham law student.



## The Brooklyn Paper

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# New doll makes her fee historic

AMERICAN GIRL, the enormously popular maker of enormously expensive dolls and accessories, is introducing two new dolls to

their historical roster. But the crazy thing is this: these new dolls grew up in the 1970s.

Hey, that's not historical. That's Snartum's childhood.

Just a few years ago.

Talk about feeling old. When American Girl makes a '70s-era doll, you know your childhood

is officially the olden days. This reminds Snartum about the time a second-grade friend asked her mother if she had any pilgrim clothing left over from when she was a kid.

Snartum felt really bad for that girl's mom. She wasn't that old and her kid sure had a weird sense of time.

Kids have a funny way of conceiving of history. Ten years seems like an eternity. Your parent's childhood is like, forever ago.

The truth is, it was forever ago and to kids like Teen Spirit, it's more than a little interesting to hear Hynes's stories about New York City during the heyday of the Ramones, Talking Heads, and Pylon at the Mudd Club and CBGB.

On the other hand, he barely lowers the volume on his iPod earphones when Snartum reminisces about the Be-In in Central Park and the Fall Shaps during the bicentennial.

Smart mom



By Louise Crawford

All the Flowers Gone?

OK, she's 12 and she's having a bake sale for George McGovern at her progressive private school.

LI RIGHT SHELL admit it, it's August 1974. The hairdos (and don'ts), Snartum's mother's mini skirts. Her father's black turtleneck and beard.

In pictures of Hynes from high school, he looks like a cross between Botticelli's Venus and Jesus Christ. And Teen Spirit loves to go through his dad's closet to find cool duds like Hynes's hand-painted denim jackets and hand-beaded blazers.

But Snartum isn't old, she's just full of history. So she's starting to wonder when she'll wake up from this dream — the dream that she's 50 years old.

How did she get to that old-sounding age anyway? Everyone knows that Snartum is really 10. It's 1968 and she's at an anti-war demonstration, where Peter, Paul, and Mary are singing, "Where Have

you been?"

Does Snartum really look like someone's grandmother?

Maybe not. But she sure is wise. She can practically guarantee that OSFO is going to want Julie or Ivy, the two new 1970s-era dolls to add to her already huge, messy-haired collection of American Girl, which includes, Felicity, a feisty girl living in colonial Williamsburg.

Kitt, the Depression-era doll, who hangs out with young hobos and even gets a chance to ride the bus and OSFO's Molly, the World War II-era doll, whose doctor dad is overseas while her mom works for the war effort statewide.

OSFO has learned quite a bit about American history with these girls.

But does she really need to do it to teach her about the birth of feminism, Studio 54 and Ford to NYC? Dead Dead?

She's got two parents who can teach her everything she needs to know about the time of their youth.

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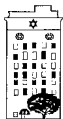
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Compiled by Susan Rosenthal Jay

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2-3 pm: Story hour. Imagination Playground, near Ocean Avenue, between Parkside Avenue and Lincoln Road. Free.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: "The Prince and The Magic Flute" at Puppets on the Beach, 1000 10th Ave., at 10th Street, Park Slope, Tel Aviv 157 for kids, Call (718) 965-3391 for reservations.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

9:30-11 am: Music, story-telling and crafts at Prospect Park, at Fourth Street in Park Slope, Tel Aviv 157 for kids, Call (718) 965-3391 for reservations.

3:30-5 pm: Story hour. Imagination Playground, near Ocean Avenue, between Parkside Avenue and Lincoln Road. Free.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4

12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: "The Prince and The Magic Flute" at Puppets on the Beach, 1000 10th Ave., at 10th Street, Park Slope, Tel Aviv 157 for kids, Call (718) 965-3391 for reservations.

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MONDAY, SEPT. 10

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TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

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that sin over the past 365 days by fasting for 24 hours, and then tearing through bagels and smoked salmon. Bruce Ratner tears down a building.

Sept. 24

Still a diehard Dodgers fan, even though the team left Brooklyn exactly a half-century ago? Then come to 55 Sullivan Pl. today between noon and 5 pm. Someone's sure to be at the site of Ebbets Field to mark the 50th anniversary of the Dodgers' final home game — a 2-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates in front of a crowd of 6,702. No wonder they left.

Former site of Ebbets Field (55 Sullivan Pl., between McKeeve Place and Bedford Avenue).

Sept. 30

Beach christens gears up for its celebration of controversial explorer Christopher Columbus with its 26th annual Brooklyn Columbus Parade Fundraising Brunch, and then the actual parade on Oct. 6.

Columbus Parade brunch, Oriental Manor (1818 86th St., at 18th Avenue), Sept. 30, noon... Columbus Parade (18th Avenue, from 1st Street to 84th Street), Oct. 6, 1 pm. For information, call (718) 259-2828.

Oct. 9

Clear oral arguments in what may be the last gasp of the anti-Atlantic Yards federal eminent domain lawsuit, filed by dogged opponent Daniel Goldstein against former Governor Paterson. Goldstein v. Paterson, U.S. Court of Appeals (500 Pearl St., between Centre Street and Canal Street, 10 am. For information, call (718) 362-4784.

Oct. 31

Watch Park Slopes doll up their little dears in all manner of preciously adorable costumes to celebrate that most glorious of American holidays: Halloween. Look for our grizzled editor as the Tin Man and his daughter as Dorothy.

Park Slope Civic Council Halloween Parade (Seventh Avenue, between Union and 12th Streets), 6:30 pm. For information, call (718) 632-8227.

Nov. 17-18

Where better to celebrate the Beaujolais Nouveau than with the totally laid-back LeNell Smothers at LeNell? Get there before she ditches Red Hook for Gaphant.

LeNell's (416 Van Brunt St., between Coffey and Van Dyke streets), noon. For information, call (718) 360-0838.

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